



## National Leadership Council (NLC)

Video Conference Meeting Minutes from  
July 9, 2020 - 8:00p.m. (Eastern)

**Meeting call to order:** Jim Walker welcomed the team to the first NLC Zoom call. Jeff Yates provided instruction to participants.

### 1. CEO Update (Chris Wood)

Chris discussed COVID-19 including budget implications for the same, membership & diversity as well as steps for the next National Strategic Planning process.

For COVID-19, the TU National Office remains closed and will continue to do so through July albeit about a dozen much smaller offices have opened and are following very strict protocols as provided by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). TU has developed “guides” for working safely within the field with reference to COVID-19. TU continues to watch all measures of spending due to impacts to both TU and partner funded programs due to on-going virus implications.

### 2. Meetings Schedule (via Zoom) (Beverly Smith / Jim Walker)

- August 11, 2020: NLC Town Hall - Strategic Plan
- September 3, 2020: NLC Elections (Updated post call)
- September 30, 2020: NLC Town Hall - Strategic Plan
- October 13, 19 or 20, 2020: NLC Annual Meeting
- October 25, 2020: Annual Membership Meeting
- April TBD, 2021: Southeast Regional Rendezvous (Asheville, NC)
- May TBD, 2021: Western Regional Rendezvous (Taos, NM)
- June TBD, 2021: Northeast Regional Rendezvous (Stamford, CT)
- July 7-11, 2021: Annual Membership Meeting (Bangor, ME)

### 3. NLC Officers Report (Jim Walker)

- New NLC Representatives and State Council Chairs
- NLC article: April TROUT publication
- Orientations

### 4. Roll Call (Rich Thomas)

**TU NLC Conference Call Attendance - Thursday, July 9, 2020**

<b><u>Council</u></b>	<b><u>First Name</u></b>	<b><u>Last Name</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Notes:</u></b>
9AR - Arkansas	Bill	Thorne	Y	
9CO - Colorado	Marshall	Pendergrass	Y	
9PA - Pennsylvania	Brian	Wagner	Y	
9MI - Michigan	Robb	Smith	Y	
9NJ - New Jersey	Kelly	Buchta	Y	
9NY - New York	Scott	Seidman	Y	
9CA - California	Mary	Tealdi	Y	
9OH - Ohio	Chris	Steffen	Y	
9TX - Texas	Mark	Dillow	Y	
NLC Chair	Jim	Walker	Y	
NLC Secretary	Rich	Thomas	Y	
9OR - Oregon	James	Fraser	Y	
9MT - Montana	Harry	Murphy	Y	
9ME - Maine	David	Van Burgel	Y	
9NC - North Carolina	Rusty	Berrier	Y	
9WY - Wyoming	Werner	Studer	N	
9NH - New Hampshire	Paul	Doscher	Y	
9WI - Wisconsin	Linn	Beck	Y	
9IA - Iowa	Bob	Sodders	Y	
9AZ - Arizona	Neil	Warner	Y	
9CT - Connecticut	Sal	DeCarli	N	
9MD - Mid-Atlantic	Don	Haynes	Y	
9OK - Indian Nations Council (Oklahoma)	Scott	Hood	Y	
9GA - Georgia	Carl	Riggs	Y	
9ID - Idaho	Ed	Northen	Y	
9SC - South Carolina	Paul	McKee	N	
9WA - Washington	Steve	Miller	Y	
9NM- New Mexico	Paul	White	Y	
9MA - Massachusetts/Rhode Island	Bill	Pastuszek	Y	
9KY - Kentucky	Gene	Slusher	Y	
9MO - Ozark Council	James	Sokoup	Y	
9VA - Virginia	Eric	Tichay	Y	
9WV - West Virginia	Brad	Riffie	Y	
9TN - Tennessee	Mark	Spangler	Y	

9VT - Vermont	David	Deen	Y	
9UT - Utah	Jeff	Taniguchi	N	
9IL - Illinois	Mark	Wortsmann	N	
9MN - Minnesota	Randy	Brock	Y	

**5. Approvals** (Jim Walker)

- Approval of March 16, 2020 meeting minutes

**Motion to Approve: Kelly Buchta - NJ**

**Second: Paul Doscher - NH**

**6. Grassroots Board of Trustees (BOT) and NLC Officers** (Mark Dillow – New Initiatives Chair)

- Grassroots Trustee nominations **due midnight July 15, 2020** to New Initiatives Workgroup Chair  
*Note: Future voting on following three (3) motions will be done at the next scheduled NLC meeting.*
- Submission of two new nominees for Grassroots Trustees to Board of Trustees
- Submission for renomination of current NLC Chair and Secretary for one (1) year terms  
- Jim Walker (Chair) and Rich Thomas (Secretary)
- Submission for renomination of Embrace -A-Stream Representatives
- No vote required to approve renomination of current Grassroots Trustees

**7. Critical Focus Areas (CFAs) & National Conservation Agenda (NCA)** (Mark Dillow)

- Submit suggested CFAs changes by August 3, 2020 to New Initiatives Chair (mail to [newinitiatives@tu.org](mailto:newinitiatives@tu.org))
- Submit suggested NCA changes by August 3, 2020 to New Initiatives Chair (mail to [newinitiatives@tu.org](mailto:newinitiatives@tu.org))
- Approval will be at NLC business meeting September 15, 2020 meeting.

**8. NLC & Workgroups Reporting** (Rich Thomas)

- Updates Needed for NLC Representatives & Workgroup Rosters for NLC website
- Message Roadmaps of Workgroups
- Workgroups and NLC Leaders Reports ([www.tu.org/nlc](http://www.tu.org/nlc))
- Calendar 2020 – Activities, Events & Reports ([www.tu.org/nlc](http://www.tu.org/nlc))

Additional Items:

- Native Trout Workgroup questionnaire

**Special Recognition / Remembrance**

Beverly made mention of the passing of long time NLC Rep, Grassroots BOT Member and co-founder of the Women’s Initiative Workgroup (now Diversity and Inclusion) Kerri Russell. Kerri embraced all those around her and had a deep-rooted passion for Trout Unlimited and it’s mission. Please see Kerri Russell Equity Fund - <https://go.tulocalevents.org/russellfund>

## 9. Q & A:

## 10. Information Sources:

- Leaders Only Tools: <https://leadersonly.tumembership.org/leaders>
- NLC Information / Webpage: [www.tu.org/nlc](http://www.tu.org/nlc)
- TU Online Communities: <https://community.tu.org/communities/allcommunities>
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Practices: <https://www.tu.org/equity/>